



THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In the **PATENT APPLICATION** of:

Hermann Grether

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For: COMPONENT INCORPORATED IN A
PLUMBING SYSTEM

Group: 3752

Examiner: Christopher S. Kim

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**COMMUNICATION RE NOTICE OF NON-COMPLIANT
AMENDMENT (37 CFR 1.121)**

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Sir:

This Communication is being timely filed in response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment dated September 6, 2006 (copy enclosed).

Prior to examination, please amend the application as follows: